

to start alternative employment to the educated unemployed youth belonging to SCs and STs:

(b) if so, the criteria being followed in this regard:

(c) whether Government have given approval to open only three commercial training centres in Gujarat State whereas the approximate population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State is about one and a half crore; and

(d) the steps being taken to open more such training centres in the Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d). The Government of Gujarat have reported that there is no scheme for starting commercial training centres specifically for educated unemployed youth belonging to the SCs/STs. However, there are several schemes of Government of India for providing vocational guidance and training to persons from the SCs/STs. These include, inter alia, a scheme of Vocational Training Centres in tribal areas for unemployed tribal youth introduced in 1992-93 under which Ministry of Welfare have approved assistance to the Gujarat Government for two, five and three Centres in 1992-93, 1994-95 and 1996-97 respectively, on the basis of proposals received from the State Government; and (b) a scheme of the Ministry of Labour under which a Coaching-cum-Guidance Centre has been set up at Surat, which provides educational and vocational guidance to educated unemployed SC/ST jobseekers, and also imparts training in shorthand and typing to them. These are not commercial centres.

Welfare Programmes

720. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have issued certain directions in July, 1996 to the State Government/ Union Territory Administrations to give special attention to the Welfare Programmes relating to the Welfare of Minorities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government have started complying with the said directions;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have reviewed or proposed to review the welfare related work of the State Government/Union Territory Administration; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. But the Ministry has, however, issued letters to all chief Ministers for their considered views and comments on various programmes embodied in the Common Minimum Programme for the upliftment of the weaker and deprived sections.

(c) and (e). Does not arise.

Payment of Salary to Home Guard Employees

721. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Home Guard employees of Kanpur (U.P.) have not been paid the salaries/wages for last three months i.e. from July, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the Government is likely to make the payments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Revamped Public Distribution System

722. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of coverage made in the implementation of Revamped Public Distribution System since it was launched State-wise;

(b) whether the objectives of the Programme have been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to effectively implement the programme throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The scheme of Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) was launched by the Prime Minister w.e.f. 1.1.92 covering all the Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Designated Hill Areas (DHA) and Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) blocks numbering 1775. A Statement showing the names of States and the number of blocks covered under RPDS is enclosed as statement-I.

(b) to (d). Statewise details of target for additional fair price shops, additional ration cards, elimination of bogus ration cards, creation of storage capacity, fair price shop to be covered under Doorstep delivery, number of fair price shop level Vigilance Committees in RPDS areas and the progress achieved as on 31.10.96 against each of these targets is given in the attached statements II, III, IV and V.

(e) The operational responsibility for implementing the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) is that of the State Government and UT Administrations. Central Government holds meetings with States/UTs for reviewing the functioning of the PDS including RPDS,

Suggestions and measures for improving the functioning of the PDS are discussed in these meetings. Financial assistance is provided to State Government/UT Administrations under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of Godowns and purchase of mobile vans/trucks for strengthening PDS infrastructure in RPDS areas.

STATEMENT-I

Number of Blocks covered under RPDS

No.	State/UT	No. of Blocks covered under EAS/RPDS
1	2	3
1.	A.P.	155
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	56
3.	Assam	142
4.	Bihar	266
5.	Goa	-
6.	Gujarat	131
7.	Haryana	44
8.	H.P.	19
9.	J&K	80
10.	Karnataka	119
11.	Kerala	21

1	2	3
12.	M.P.	297
13.	Maharashtra	171
14.	Manipur	22
15.	Meghalaya	32
16.	Mizoram	20
17.	Nagaland	28
18.	Orissa	175
19.	Punjab	-
20.	Rajasthan	172
21.	Sikkim	04
22.	Tamil Nadu	89
23.	Tripura	19
24.	Uttar Pradesh	248
25.	West Bengal	128
26.	A & N Islands	02
27.	Chandigarh	-
28.	D & N Haveli	01
29.	Daman & Diu	01
30.	Delhi	-
31.	Lakshadweep	05
32.	Pondicherry	-
Total		2446

RPDS : Revamped Public Distribution System
EAS : Employment Assurance Scheme

STATEMENT-II

*Revamped Public Distribution System
Progress in Implementation Upto 31.10.96*

S.No.	State/UT	1		2		3
		Additional PPS proposed	Opened	Additional Ration Cards Proposed	Issued	Bonus Cards Eliminated
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	316	362	nil	650000	59144
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	155	293	18310	13713	10513
3.	Assam	311	385	362578	12973	100383
4.	Bihar	1090	2469	296885	298885	1176361
5.	Gujarat	97	416	nil	351523	85946
6.	Haryana	387	412	nil	1279538	35193
7.	Himachal Pradesh	2	18	nil	1794	99
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	123	260	21900	9400	nil
9.	Karnataka	403	1231	634199	933385	125003
10.	Kerala	nil	1201	nil	75493	8389

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1274	1276	476930	2955000	737058
12.	Maharashtra	2588	3395	350000	456000	120000
13.	Manipur	24	74	54449	65890	nil
14.	Meghalaya	16	426	193000	14758	9210
15.	Mizoram	23	99	3288	5784	10812
16.	Nagaland	20	24	30000	nil	
17.	Orissa	608	1362	nil	578407	24990
18.	Rajasthan	718	1079	106667	386839	76046
19.	Sikkim	400	2	nil	30000	207
20.	Tamil Nadu	11	12	3000	194886	470150
21.	Tripura	25	33	nil	18075	6110
22.	Uttar Pradesh	1141	3628	76255	841144	160970
23.	West Bengal	826	69	47437	101496	63224
24.	Andaman & Nikobar	12	22	nil	369	16696
25.	Dadra & Nagar H.	2	14	1000	5608	148
26.	Daman & Diu	3	1	nil	562	nil
27.	Lakshadweep	5	2	nil	nil	nil
Total		10580	18564	2675898	9279522	4376652

STATEMENT-III*Revamped Public Distribution System**Progress in Implementation upto 31.10.96*

S.No.	State/UT	Additional Storage Capacity (in MTs)			4 Financial Assistance Sanctioned by Central Government for construction of Godowns Since 1991-92	
		Target	Hired	Created	Amount (Rs. lacs)	Capacity (Tones)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	nil	115000	nil	124.20	5000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11050	nil	4350	27.70	800
3.	Assam	nil	nil	nil		
4.	Bihar	22400	nil	8600	106.40	9000
5.	Gujarat	nil	14865	nil	212.42	9500
6.	Haryana	nil	nil	nil		
7.	Himachal Pradesh	2250	2000	1300		
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	7400	5450	1100	528.82	13950
9.	Karnataka	12200	4375	9800	132.00	8200
10.	Kerala	60000	nil	nil	41.50	2000
11.	Madhya Pradesh	136500	241670	11000	522.88	32000
12.	Maharashtra	40000	17000	6000	206.16	10442
13.	Manipur	2350	nil	nil	194.79	5000
14.	Meghalaya	15200	nil	500	40.00	2000

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15.	Mizoram	8000	nil	2060	183.71	7200
16.	Nagaland	1250	7340	nil	25.00	600
17.	Orissa	14500	13000	nil	208.00	13000
18.	Rajasthan	26500	nil	25550	175.66	14400
19.	Sikkim	3600	nil	nil	64.50	2600
20.	Tamil Nadu	2800	nil	nil	50.00	2480
21.	Tripura	1400	425	nil	30.00	1250
22.	Uttar Pradesh	37700	37716	nil	162.00	5400
23.	West Bengal	4400	nil	nil	96.46	6000
24.	Andaman & Nikobar	1650	nil	nil	46.00	1000
25.	Dadra & Nagar H.	500	nil	nil		
26.	Daman & Diu	nil	nil	nil		
27.	Lakshadweep	1700	nil	1200	7.50	500
Total		413400	458841	71460	3185.70	152322

STATEMENT-IV

*Revamped Public Distribution System
Progress in Implementation upto 31.10.96*

S.No.	State/UT	Total No. of FPSs in Identified Areas	No. of FPS under Door-Step Delivery	5 Financial Assistance Sanctioned for purchase of Vans since 1991-92 Amount (Rs. lacs	Vans (Number)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8233	8233	188.00	31
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	919	919	120.00	25
3.	Assam	4117	4117		
4.	Bihar	9402	1854	40.00	10
5.	Gujarat	4738	776		
6.	Haryana	2074	2074	65.00	20
7.	Himachal Pradesh	171	64	240.00	41
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	642	10	265.90	52
9.	Karnataka	8174	8135	73.00	22
10.	Kerala	1530	1515	122.50	34
11.	Madhya Pradesh	7238	7238	280.00	70
12.	Maharashtra	13755	2500	470.00	117
13.	Manipur	604	604	120.00	30
14.	Meghalaya	3839	nil	26.00	7
15.	Mizoram	955	180	88.00	22
16.	Nagaland	269	nil	24.00	6
17.	Orissa	9432	nil	260.00	7
18.	Rajasthan	9257	9234	264.00	69
19.	Sikkim	253	54	16.23	4

1	2	3	4	5	6
20.	Tamil Nadu	2259	2259	76.00	19
21.	Tripura	514	nil	68.00	15
22.	Uttar Pradesh	10310	3681	100.00	25
23.	West Bengal	3840	nil	100.00	25
24.	Andaman & Nicobar	67	67	20.00	5
25.	Dadra & Nagar H.	73	nil	-	-
26.	Daman & Diu	71	nil	-	-
27.	Lakshadweep	35	35	4.00	1
Total		102771	53549	3030.63	721

STATEMENT-V

*Revamped Public Distribution System
Progress in Implementation upto 31.10.96*

S.No.	State/UT	Total No. of FPSs in Identified Areas	Number of FPS level Vigilance Committees constituted
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8233	Food Advisory committees for each FPS set up
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	919	Has reported that 551 FPS level committees formed.
3.	Assam	4117	4117 Functioning.
4.	Bihar	9402	All FPS level committees have been set up.
5.	Gujarat	4738	4133 FPS level committees have been set up.
6.	Haryana	3074	All Village FPS level committees have been set up.
7.	Himachal Pradesh	171	171 FPS level committees reported to be functioning.
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	642	Constituted at Panchyat level.
9.	Karnataka	8174	7937 FPS level vigilance committees set up.
0.	Kerala	1530	Constituted in all Panchayats.
1.	Madhya Pradesh	7238	18 district and 154 Block level committees constituted
2.	Maharashtra	13755	Village level committees set up.
3.	Manipur	604	417 FPS level committees functioning.
4.	Meghalaya	3839	3074 FPS level committees functioning.
5.	Mizoram	955	Has now reported that only 329 committees are functioning
6.	Nagaland	269	130 constituted and functioning.
7.	Orissa	9432	8904 committees set up.
8.	Rajasthan	9257	9234 FPS level committees set up.
9.	Sikkim	253	Gram Panchayat and district level committees functioning.
0.	Tamil Nadu	2259	All FPS level committees set up.
1.	Tripura	514	Sub-divisional level committee functioning, FPS level being set up.
2.	Uttar Pradesh	10310	5300 FPS level committees have been constituted.

1	2	3	4
23.	West Bengal	3840	Panchayat, Block and District level committees functioning.
24.	Andaman & Nikobar	67	8 Zonal committees set up and functioning.
25.	Dadra & Nagar H.	73	65 FPS level and 10 panchayat level committee set up.
26.	Daman & Diu	71	8 FPS Level Vigilance Committees functioning.
27.	Lakshadweep	35	10 FPS Level Vigilance Committees Functioning Covering 35 FPS.
Total		102771	

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Assistance for Pollution Control

723. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have formulated or propose to formulate any scheme to give assistance to the Delhi State Government to control the Industrial and Environmental pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of assistance provided for the purpose during each of the last three years and the head-wise details under which the Delhi State Government have spent this amount; and

(d) the details of the achievements made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAYAN PARASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). There is no particular scheme to extend financial assistance to the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi to control industrial and environmental pollution. However, financial assistance is being given to Delhi Government (Department of Environment/Delhi Pollution Control Committee) for its strengthening to control industrial and environmental pollution. Under this scheme, financial assistance is extended to Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi for the component of staff salary of the technical cell of the Environment Department. Financial assistance is also extended for specific studies/project proposals, procurement of equipment/instruments for laboratory etc.

Apart from this, according to the existing guidelines, reimbursement of 75% of Water Cess is also made to Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi out of the total amount deposited with the Central Government.

(c) and (d). The details of amount of assistance provided to Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi

during the last three years for the prevention and control of pollution in Delhi, are as under :

(Amount in Rupees)

Name of scheme	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
I. Assistance for abatement of Pollution			
(a) Staff Salary	7,00,000	4,00,000	8,00,000
(b) Preparation of Status Report	2,50,000	-	-
(c) Setting up of Pollution Awareness & Assistance Centre	-	-	25,000
II. Reimbursement of Water Cess			
	1,80,42,080	56,39,033	25,38,754

Research work on Rice Production

724. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have entrusted the task to undertake research on rice by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and IRRI to boost country's rice production;

(b) if so, the details of the research work undertaken by these two premier institutes during the last three years; and

(c) the details of projection made by these institutes on the rice production by the end of the century?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is responsible to undertake research on rice to boost country's rice production. The main rice research institutes of the ICAR are Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack and Directorate of Rice Research (DDR), Hyderabad. In addition, rice research is carried out by several ICAR institutes and Agricultural universities.